

PIAA DISTRICT ONE COMMITTEE
September 14, 2016
11:00AM

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:00AM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Pete Forjohn for Randy Ireson, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, Holly Farnese, James Stewart Greg Pinelli, Michael Walker, Janet Columbro, Mary Jo McKenzie Don Walsh, Dan Bechtold, Joe Derickson for Sue Cornelius, Jason Sherlock, Ken McCormick for Chris Lunardi, Russ Wren, Ralph (RJ) Bretz, Pat Nugent, Eric Greiner, Sylvia Kalazs, Bill Bartle, John Reading, Todd Vaccaro, Louis Sudholz, Pete Forjohn, Denis Gray, Mary Jo McKenzie, David Baun, Barbara Clarke, Dan Horan, Tom Brady, and Maureen Gregory

Absent from the meeting: Dee Cross

- I. Upon motion by Jason Sherlock/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the minutes of the August 2016 Committee Meeting. **25 Yes - 0 No – 3 Abstention (Baun, McCormick, Derickson)**

- II. Danielle Turner presented the Treasurer’s Report for August 2016. Upon motion by Mike Walker/Janet Columbro, the committee approved the Treasurer’s Report for August. **Unanimous. (28 Votes)**

August 2016

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| Operations | \$406,477.49 |
| Reserves | \$81,138.24 |
| Total | \$487,615.7328 |

Copies of the complete Treasurer’s Reports are available for review with Danielle Turner, Treasurer.

III. Old Business

- A. David Baun has been appointed the Male Parent Representative to the PIAA District 1 Committee.
- B. Upon motion by Don Walsh/Pat Nugent, the committee approved the motion that all District One Playoff Finals will be played at a neutral site. With the exception of Football. Football Championships will be played at the higher seed. In the sport of Basketball, the District One Semi-Finals and Finals will be played at neutral sites. **Unanimous. (28 Votes)**
- C. Sean Kelly recommends a Regional Plaque presentation for those teams/events that play in Regional Playoffs. The committee will vote on this topic in October.
- D. District One Committee agreed discussion regarding the District One Football schedule proposal will continue. Members are encouraged to collect feedback from their Leagues.

IV. New Business

- A. Upon motion by Denis Gray/Janet Columbro, the committee approved Transfer Students requests submitted for review with the exclusion of two students that were removed with cause as reported by Sean Kelly. **Unanimous. (28 Votes).** Nugent/John Reading, the committee approved the transfer of a student from Delaware County Christian School to Great Valley pending Principal sign-off. **Unanimous. (28 Votes).**

- B. Upon motion by Pat Nugent/Don Walsh, the committee approved all Foreign Exchange Students requests submitted for review. **Unanimous. (28 Votes)**

The committee entered into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel.

- C. Upon motion by Tom Brady/Ken McCormick, the committee approved the motion to withdraw the 3% contribution to the Asst. Executive Director compensation and replace this with the PIAA defined benefit plan to a 13% Money Purchase Account. **Unanimous. (28 Votes)**

The committee has returned from Executive Session and resumed public session.

- D. The PIAA Board of Directors Report was presented at the Annual Meeting.
- E. The D1 Committee accepted the report from Springfield (M) High School in reference to cancellation of the Varsity Football Season. Upon motion by Pat Nugent/Ken McCormick, the committee requires all league games not played to accept the forfeit unless a team reschedules the game and adheres to that outcome. All non-leagues games follow the above if there was a signed contract. Games with no contract will be considered No Contest. **Unanimous. (28 Votes).**
 - a. Bensalem HS Football – acceptance of a forfeit from Lincoln HS (D12) will be accepted upon the receipt of a letter from the Philadelphia School District Athletic Office.
- F. Registration Information for D1 Competitive Spirit Championships along with the Competitive Spirit Handbook will contain information regarding potential penalties if a school withdraws from the D1 Championship Competition after the announced deadline.
- G. Upon motion by Ken McCormick/Bill Bartle the committee approved the motion to hold the D1 Swimming Championships at La Salle University on Thursday 3/2/17 and Friday 3/3/17. **Unanimous. (28 Votes)**
- H. Upon motion by Ken McCormick/Danielle Turner the committee approved the motion to hold the D1 Track Championship at Coatesville High School on Friday 5/19/17 and Saturday 5/20/17. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**
- I. Sean Kelly reported that the D1 Committee did re-sign a contract with Arbiter for the 2016-17 school year. Possible sub-committee to review other vendors for the 2017-18 school year. Please send any Arbiter feedback to the D1 Office.
- J. Sean Kelly reported that at the D1 level there is currently no contract for D1 Playoff Assignors. Also, language regarding the use social media, and use of the D1 Arbiter account to send out personal information, not related to D1 or the Leagues in D1, will be developed.

V. Officials' Report

- A. Availability of officials needed for the Football Playoffs with additional classifications is concerning. Tom Brady will report back to the Committee in October.
- B. Incorrect ID of players in ejection reports must revert to the official verification. All athletic Directors are cautioned.
- C. Concern was brought to the Committee that some school districts are not accepting the PIAA Database for Clearances and the resulting ramifications for games not having officials. Schools are encouraged to continue to communicate with their League Assignors and explain their School District Policies to them.

VI. Middle School Report

- A. Schools are looking for a compilation of Middle School Leagues and Scheduling Groups. D1 Office will attempt to put together a D1 Middle School Directory.

VII. Hearings

- A. The PIAA District 1 Committee received a self-report from Cheltenham High School and Chester High School in reference to playing a scrimmage on 8/19/16 one day before the legal first scrimmage date. Upon motion by, Pat Nugent/John Reading the committee approved the motion to accept the self-report from both schools.

Unanimous. (28 Votes)

At this the time the committee has been divided into two separate hearing panels.

- B. The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of Central Bucks South High School pursuant to Article VIII Section E. Upon motion by Ralph Betz/Bill Bartle; the hearing panel approved the request for 2 additional semesters of eligibility.

13 Yes- 0 No- 1 Abstention (Turner)

- C. The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of Norristown High School and Upper Merion High School pursuant to Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting. Upon motion by Denis Gray/Maureen Gregory, the hearing panel approved the Transfer request for two additional semesters of eligibility.

11 Yes – 3 No (Sherlock, Wren, Bechtold) - 0 Abstention

- D. The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of four Wissahickon High School students pursuant to Article I Section 3 and Article VIII Section E. Four separate motions were made to include the four separate students; Upon motion by, Greg Pinelli/John Reading, Upon motion by Greg Pinelli/John Reading, Upon motion by Greg Pinelli/Tom Brady, Upon motion by Greg Pinelli/Tom Brady the hearing panel approved the Age Waiver Request, along with the approval of two additional semesters of eligibility for swimming and track. These approvals are contingent on the D1 Office reviewing hearings from the 2015-2016 school year to confirm the students had not received an age waiver, or additional semesters in the 2015-16 school year.

Unanimous. (14 Votes)

- E. The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of Bensalem High School pursuant to Article VIII Section 6B. Upon motion by John Reading/Don Walsh, the hearing panel approved the request for two semesters of eligibility.

Unanimous. (14 Votes)

Upon motion by Danielle Turner/Janet Columbro, the meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.

Unanimous (28 Votes)

The next meeting will be October 12, 2016 @ 9:30AM @ Westover CC.